IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as follows. The following is a complete listing of all pending claims in this application, and replaces any prior listing.

1. (currently amended) A method for distributing property in an insolvency proceeding, comprising:

establishing a financial arrangement between a responsible party and a debtor in the insolvency proceeding, the financial arrangement including terms for paying claims against the debtor; and

offering, by the responsible party, to pay each of a ~~statutorily sanctioned~~ plurality of unsecured creditors having **allowed** claims against the debtor, a predetermined payment amount in full satisfaction of their respective claims against the debtor,

wherein if any of said unsecured creditors accepts the offer, paying said predetermined payment amount to said unsecured creditor within a predetermined time period following said acceptance, and

wherein if any of the said unsecured creditors do not accept the offer, paying those creditors an amount later approved by a court at the end of a final distribution proceeding.

2. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the payment of the predetermined payment amount is completed within a predetermined time period.

3.   (previously presented) The method of claim 2 wherein the predetermined time period is from 5-30 days.

4.   canceled

5.   (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said court includes one of a state bankruptcy court and a federal bankruptcy court.

6.   (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

providing, after paying all claims against the debtor, any remaining proceeds of all assets of the debtor involved in the insolvency proceeding to the ~~insuring or other financially~~ responsible party.

7.   (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the responsible party includes a financial institution.

8.   canceled

9.   (currently amended) The method of claim [[4]] 1, wherein the predetermined payment amount offered by the responsible party differs from an amount paid for the same claim in the payment plan later approved by the court.

10.   (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the insolvency proceeding includes a bankruptcy proceeding.

11.   (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

establishing a distribution plan;

identifying subject property of the debtor; and

wherein the responsible party's financial arrangement includes paying claims against the debtor by the responsible party as a function of an analysis of the subject property by the responsible party.

12.   (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the responsible party's financial arrangement obligates the responsible party to pay all claims against the debtor.

13.   (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the financial arrangement includes an insurance policy.

14.   (original) The method of claim 13, wherein the responsible party includes an insurer.

15.   (original) The method of claim 14, wherein the insurer includes one of an insurance company or a reinsurance company.

16.   (currently amended) A system for distributing an insolvent debtor's property to a ~~statutorily sanctioned~~ plurality of creditors **having allowed claims** in an insolvency proceeding, wherein a responsible party host server and a plurality of clients for each of the ~~statutorily sanctioned~~ plurality of creditors **having allowed claims** are coupled to a data communications network, the responsible party host server including:

computer programmable means for communicating with the ~~statutorily sanctioned~~ plurality of creditors, the responsible party and the debtor in the insolvency proceeding;

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computer programmable means for establishing a financial arrangement between the responsible party and the debtor;

computer programmable means for maintaining a database containing information regarding the debtor and each of the ~~statutorily sanctioned~~ plurality of creditors;

computer programmable means for calculating an amount of final payment to be offered to each of the ~~statutorily sanctioned~~ plurality of creditors;

computer programmable means for providing an offer of the amount to each of the plurality of creditors to be paid in advance of a final distribution in the insolvency proceeding;

computer programmable means for processing one of an acceptance and a rejection of by each of the ~~statutorily sanctioned~~ plurality of creditors of the offer; and

computer programmable means for processing claim payments to each of the ~~statutorily sanctioned~~ plurality of creditors that accepts the offer, said payment to be paid within a predetermined time after said acceptance.

17.   (original) The system of claim 16, wherein the financial arrangement includes an insurance policy.

18.   (original) The system of claim 17, wherein the responsible party includes an insurance company.

19.   (previously presented) The system of claim 16, wherein the insolvency proceeding includes a bankruptcy proceeding.

20.   (previously presented) The system of claim 16, wherein the payment of the offered amount is completed within 5-30 days after said acceptance.

21.   (new) A program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform a method for processing a set of input data, the method steps comprising:

establishing a financial arrangement between a responsible party and a debtor in the insolvency proceeding, the financial arrangement including terms for paying claims against the debtor; and

offering, by the responsible party, to pay each of a plurality of unsecured creditors having allowed claims against the debtor, a predetermined payment amount in full satisfaction of their respective claims against the debtor,

wherein if any of said unsecured creditors accepts the offer, paying said predetermined payment amount to said unsecured creditor within a predetermined time period following said acceptance, and

wherein if any of the said unsecured creditors do not accept the offer, paying those creditors an amount later approved by a court at the end of a final distribution proceeding.